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1. SINCE WE ANTICIPATE CONSIDERABLE PRESS INTEREST ATTACHED TO
AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S VISIT AND EXPECT A PRESS CONTINGENT TO BE
AT DON MUANG AIRPORT ON HIS ARRIVAL AT VIP ROOM, WE BELIEVE
IT DESIRABLE THAT HE CONSIDER A BRIEF STATEMENT ALONG THE
FOLLOWING LINES. WOULD APPRECIATE AN EARLY INDICATION OF
AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S WISHES IN THIS REGARD.

2. PROPOSED DRAFT STATEMENT: QUOTE I AM DELIGHTED TO BE IN
BANGKOK, AND THIS VITAL AND DYNAMIC PART OF THE WORLD. MY
PRIMARY PURPOSE IN COMING IS TO ATTEND THE 34TH ESCAP COMMISSION
SESSION, AND TO MEET WITH MY COLLEAGUES FROM MANY COUNTRIES TO
DISCUSS THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES WHICH FACE US AS WE
ATTEMPT TO SOLVE A HOST OF NEW AND OLD PROBLEMS IN A RAPIDLY
CHANGING WORLD.

QUOTE I WILL BE ADDRESSING THE ESCAP PLENARY SESSION ON
WEDNESDAY MORNING. IN ADDITION, I AM LOOKING FORWARD VERY MUCH
TO MEETINGS WITH PRIME MINISTER KRIANGSAK, FOREIGN MINISTER
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UPPADIT, OTHER THAI OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE CITIZENS. I HOPE TO
TRAVEL TO THE COUNTRYSIDE, INCLUDING CHIANG MAI, UDORN AND
NONG KHAI TO SEE THESE IMPORTANT AREAS OF THAILAND AND GAIN
SOME INSIGHT INTO THE ROLE OF THE UN IN THE NARCOTICS
AND REFUGEE SITUATIONS. I PLAN TO VISIT CROP SUBSTITUTION AND
RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, AND ALSO VISIT THE REFUGEE CAMP IN
NONG KHAI.

QUOTE I LOOK FORWARD TO MY STAY IN YOUR COUNTRY AND
HOPE THAT THE BUSY WEEK AHEAD WILL GIVE US MANY
OPPORTUNITIES TO REINFORCE OUR LONG STANDING FRIENDSHIP AND
DETERMINATION TO WORK TOGETHER TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL
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